CIVIL COURTS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—At the meeting of the Council held on the 15th April last, I applied for and obtained permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Civil Courts Regulation I of 1057, as amended by Regulation I of 1077. In pursuance of that permission I beg to introduce the Bill to-day. Under Rule 31 of the Rules for the conduct of business in the Council, the Bill together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons has been published in the Gazette and I understand that copies have been forwarded to the members. Fifteen clear days having elapsed since the publication of the Bill as required by Rule 33, I beg to move that the Bill be read in Council. The second para of the Rule just quoted permits the discussion of the principle of the Bill at this meeting; but I do not propose to ask you to take up that discussion to-day as I consider it desirable that, in view of the importance of the measure, more time should be allowed for a study of the modifications of the existing law, which have been drafted into the Bill.

Seconded by Mr. Rajaram Row.

The motion was put and agreed to.

HIGH COURT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Vieyra:—At the same meeting of the Council leave was granted to me to introduce another Bill to amend the High Court Regulation I of 1067. This Bill with the Statement of Objects and Reasons has also been published in the Gazette and circulated among the members. The provisions in regard to the introduction of Bills laid down in sections 31 and 33 of the Rules for the conduct of business have been satisfied and I, therefore, beg to introduce the Bill and move that it be read in Council. This is also an important measure and I would propose that the discussion of the principle be taken up at a future meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Iyer.

The motion was put and agreed to.

CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS BILL.

Mr. Nagam Aiya.—Before the Council proceeds, Sir, to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Charitable Endowments Bill, I have to draw their attention to the following salient points in it:

(1) That the Bill is in the main only an adaptation of the British Indian Act VI of 1890 and a necessary sequel of the Hindu Religious Endowments Regulation III of 1079;

(2) That the scope of this Bill is narrower than the British Indian enactment, out of regard to the feelings of our Mahomedan and Christian communities;

(3) That the Officer called the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments in Travancore will be a bare trustee and will have absolutely nothing to do with the administration of the property; he will be in charge of the income of the Endowments which will be handed over to the persons administering them;

(4) That the Bill enables the Dewan, on complaints made by any person interested in a Charitable Endowment, to order the vesting of the property of the Endowment in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments and settle a scheme for its administration and enjoins further that no action shall be taken by him under this section except after a full enquiry;

(5) That the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments should periodically publish in the Gazette the list of all properties vested in him and an abstract of all accounts he keeps;

(6) That the right of remedy reserved to the public by section 511 of the Civil Procedure Code shall continue; and

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